



BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Cynthia Howk DATE: Dec., 1994

133 S. Fitzhugh St.

YOUR ADDRESS: Rochester, NY 14608 TELEPHONE: 546-7029

ORGANIZATION (if any): The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc.

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Herring House
2. COUNTY: Monroe TOWN/CITY: Greece VILLAGE: ---
3. STREET LOCATION: 487 Stone Road
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Barager ADDRESS: (same) Rochester, NY 14616
6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain private residence

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☒ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other: _____
Roof - asphalt shingles. Foundation - cast concrete block.
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
(if known) b. wood frame with light members ☒
c. masonry load bearing walls ☐
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
10. CONDITION: a. excellent ☒ b. good ☐ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

(see continuation sheet)

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

"This house is in character with its early 20th century design. Although it's distinctive, I don't think we can push it up into the 'red' category. It's a 'green plus.' " P.Malo.

COLOR CODE

Green plus



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known ☐ b. zoning ☒ c. roads ☐
d. developers ☐ e. deterioration ☐
f. other: _____
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
a. barn ☐ b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☒
d. privy ☐ e. shed ☐ f. greenhouse ☐
g. shop ☐ h. gardens ☐
i. landscape features: deciduous & coniferous shrubs
j. other: paved asphalt parking lot (adjacent) to west.
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):
a. open land ☐ b. woodland ☐
c. scattered buildings ☐
d. densely built-up ☒ e. commercial ☒
f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☒
h. other: _____
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

(see continuation sheet)
18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

(see continuation sheet)

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1902 - 1924

ARCHITECT: not determined

BUILDER: not determined

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

(see continuation sheet)

21. SOURCES: (see continuation sheet)

22. THEME: residential

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Front porch railing has been enclosed with a solid, knee wall.

Contemporary wrought iron railings on west entrance steps.

The small entrance porch at the southeast corner of the house has been enclosed, mid-1900s.

On the front porch, the Ionic capital from the northwest column has been removed.

17. Just west of Cosmos Dr., this early-20th-century house is located on a lot on the south side of Stone Road in the southeast quadrant of the town. The house faces north. An asphalt parking lot is in the front and west side of the property. To the west of the house are commercial buildings and the Barnard Center commercial district at Dewey Ave. and Stone Road. To the north, east and south is a residential neighborhood of early/mid-20th century houses.

18. One-and-one-half-story, hipped roof plan. This frame Colonial Revival style house is clad with wood clapboards. The house sits on a rock-faced, cast concrete block foundation. Fenestration is asymmetrical with mostly 1/1, double-hung windows. On the north (facade) and west elevations are cutaway window bays. On the facade, a Palladian window with 6/1 central window flanked by 4/4, curved-top windows is located in the central gabled dormer. The east elevation features a large, three-section picture window with multiple panes of glass. Six small, square windows on the east and west elevations feature a single sash with three small panes over three larger panes of glass.

The broadly pitched hipped roof has a ridgeline that runs front-to-back. The roof flares out near the corners and has a wide overhang with a frieze band below. Three attic dormers project from the roof: the gabled dormer on the facade and matching shed-roofed dormers on the east and west elevations. A brick chimney is located on the south slope of the hipped roof.

A one-story, hipped roof, open porch projects from the east end of the facade (north elevation). The porch features fluted columns and pilasters with Ionic capitals. The

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columns and pilasters sit atop square, paneled wood piers. The railing area is enclosed by a clapboard-sided knee wall. The corners of the porch rest on rough-faced, cast concrete block piers. The front entrance, which might have been the main entrance (now inaccessible from the street) features a wood and glass paneled door. Secondary entrances are located on the east and west elevations. The entrance on the east elevation has an enclosed, one-story porch. The raised entrance on the west elevation features wood steps and a square, projecting (cantilevered) hood.

20. Built c. 1902-1924, this house is architecturally significant in the town of Greece as an example of Colonial Revival style residential architecture. The house retains a high level of integrity of design, materials, and craftsmanship. The house is historically important for its association with the early-20th-century development of the Barnard Center neighborhood as a residential and commercial community.

The design of this house combines the 1-1/2-story, hipped roof plan of the Queen Anne style with the gables, windows, and porch detailing of the Colonial Revival style. This reflects the early-20th-century period when this house was constructed - an era when the Queen Anne style was on the wane and the Colonial Revival style was gaining its greatest popularity.

Queen Anne was the dominant style of domestic building during the period from about 1880 until 1900; it persisted with decreasing popularity through the first decade of this century. In the heavily populated northeastern states the style is somewhat less common than elsewhere. Over half of the Queen Anne houses have hipped roofs with front-to-back ridgelines, as well as additional gables - such as seen on this house.

The front porch with fluted Ionic columns, the Palladian window in the front gable and the windows are indicative of the Colonial Revival style. First "re-discovered" in the late 1870s, the Colonial Revival style gained its greatest popularity in the early 1900s. It reflects the entire rebirth of interest in the early English and Dutch houses of the Atlantic seaboard.

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The style was widely popularized through magazines and architectural publications, such as the "White Pine Series." Colonial Revival houses built in the years between 1915 and 1935 reflect these influences by more closely resembling their 18th century prototypes.

The house is located in the area of Greece known as "Barnard," centered around Dewey Avenue and Stone Road. This neighborhood derives its name from the Dewey Avenue railroad crossing south of the present town line. The rail line began in 1852 as the "Rochester and Charlotte Railroad." This was later known as the Charlotte Branch of the New York Central and the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railroad. The tracks for the railroad were built through the Barnard farm.

The Barnard area became renowned for its thriving nurseries, many of which were established by Belgian horticulturists who settled here including Vick, Frear and Van Putte.

The 1902 county map shows this site as part of a large, 78-acre parcel with Dewey Ave. as its western boundary, Stone Road as its northern boundary and the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad tracks as the southern boundary. Facing Dewey Avenue, two buildings are shown on the site. The owner is listed as "Rachel Schuyler Heirs."

The 1924 county map shows this area. The large Schuyler parcel has been divided into smaller lots. This property at 487 Stone Road is listed as part of the "Sunrise Park subdivision." Cosmos Drive has been laid out to the east. A one-acre lot, 100-feet-wide by 410-feet-deep, is at this address. The house is shown with two small frame outbuildings to the southwest. The owner is "J. Herring." The 1930 suburban directory lists this property as #489 Stone Road; John J. and Lillian Herring are the owners - he is a machinist.

The 1959 county map shows this property as "Sunrise Park" subdivision. The house is listed as #489 Stone Road; the main house and a small frame outbuilding to the southwest are shown on the map. The size of the lot has been reduced from its original depth of 410 feet (1924 map) to approximately 250 feet. A commercial building has been constructed to the west at #497 Stone Road.

21. See final report for bibliography.

